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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed September 27, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 as follows:

-- 1. (Amended) A machine-based method comprising:  
~~analyzing an e-mail message to derive response information concerning a commercial transaction, the e-mail message comprising at least part of an e-mail message sent to a customer and a response of a customer to the e-mail, and,~~  
~~based on the derived information, automatically generating commercial transaction data in a format that is usable to automatically complete the commercial transaction.~~

5. (Amended) A machine-based method comprising:

~~sending an e-mail message to a customer offering a product or service for sale, the e-mail message comprising locations for response by the customer indicating his intention to order the product or service,~~

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